GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3715
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AMENDMENT TO INDIAN MEDICAL COUNCIL ACT
JASWANT SINGH YADAV;M.V.V.S MURTHI

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to amend the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the main amendments likely to be made in the Act; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be brought before Parliament?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (d) A Bill to amend the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 26.8.1987.The Bill was referred to the Joint Committee of both the Houses of Parliament which presented its Report on 28th July, 1989.The Government have not yet moved for consideration of the Bill by the Rajya Sabha as the comprehensive amendments to the draft amendment Bill recommended by the Joint Parliamentary Committee is being deliberated upon in consultation with the State Governments, Universities, Medical Council of India, medial institutions and all concerned departments in the light of the various new developments which have taken place in the field of medical education and the judgements of the Honorable Supreme Court of India on related issues delivered in the meantime. However, due to an urgent need the Government have introduced a Bill in the Rajya Sabha on 12h March, 2001 to amend the Indian Medical Council Act 1956 to provide for screening test for the Indian nationals holding foreign medical qualifications for their registration with the Medical Council of India/State Medial Councils to practice medicine in India.